

**Table 45. Number of women 15–44 years of age who had intercourse and used the pill as their only contraceptive method in the 3 months before interview and percent distribution by consistency of use, according to selected characteristics: United States, 1995**

Characteristic	Number in thousands	Total	Never missed a pill	Missed 1 pill	Missed 2 or more pills
Percent distribution					
All women <sup>1</sup>	6,548	100.0	71.2	15.5	13.3
Age at interview					
15–19 years	462	100.0	69.8	13.3	16.9
15–17 years	131	100.0	58.4	13.6	28.0
18–19 years	331	100.0	74.3	13.2	12.5
20–24 years	1,774	100.0	67.2	19.3	13.5
25–29 years	1,713	100.0	68.9	16.1	15.0
30–44 years	2,599	100.0	75.7	12.8	11.5
Marital status					
Never married	2,288	100.0	70.4	16.4	13.2
Currently married	3,549	100.0	69.8	16.0	14.2
Formerly married	710	100.0	80.6	9.6	9.9
Education at interview <sup>2</sup>					
No high school diploma or GED <sup>3</sup>	343	100.0	83.0	6.7	10.2
High school diploma or GED	1,805	100.0	72.6	15.4	12.0
Some college, no bachelor's degree	1,624	100.0	71.9	13.6	14.5
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,685	100.0	70.6	16.2	13.2
Poverty level income at interview <sup>2</sup>					
0–149 percent	793	100.0	76.3	11.2	12.5
150–299 percent	1,541	100.0	70.1	15.8	14.1
300 percent or more	3,123	100.0	72.6	14.8	12.6
Race and Hispanic origin					
Hispanic	538	100.0	70.6	7.4	22.0
Non-Hispanic white	5,256	100.0	71.5	17.0	11.5
Non-Hispanic black	585	100.0	70.1	11.4	18.6

<sup>1</sup>Includes women of other race and origin groups not shown separately.<sup>2</sup>Limited to women 22–44 years of age at time of interview.<sup>3</sup>GED is general equivalency diploma.

NOTE: Percents may not add to 100 due to rounding.